

[3rd September 1928]

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to question No. 33 asked by Mr. A. B. Shetty at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 3rd September 1928, page 40 supra.]

Copy of letter from the Secretary to Government, Development Department, to M.R.Ry. A. B. Shetty Avargal, M.L.C., Editor, "Navayuga," Mangalore, No. 1629 J./28-1, dated the 28th June 1928.

[*Reference.*—Letter, dated 19th May 1928, addressed to the hon. the Law Member.]

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter under reference, and to state that the warning in question is really intended to protect the ryots from the very risk you point out. Government agree with you in thinking that it will be a distinct hardship if the privileges in question were to be withdrawn, but you will agree that it would be an even greater misfortune if by any abuse of the privilege, Government is constrained in public interests to withdraw them.

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to question No. 44 asked by Mr. A. B. Shetty at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 3rd September 1928, page 47 supra.]

Information asked for in clauses (a) and (b) of Question 1842 answered on the 30th March 1928.

1842 Q.—(a) Whether the working hours of the in-patient department of the General Hospital were from 7 to 12 p.m. some years ago and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. now;

(b) why this change was necessitated in the working hours of the in-patient department of the General Hospital, while in all other medical institutions, both in the City and outside, the morning working hours are from 7 a.m. to 12 noon

A.—(a) Prior to 1912 the working hours of the in-patient department of the General Hospital were from 7 to 9 a.m. Now they are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(b) The change was made in the interests of the students of the Madras Medical College and of the patients in the hospital. According to the present working hours, medical students can on the same day work both in the out-patient department and in the wards. Further the early visits of medical officers to the wards were found to be not altogether in the interests of the patients. Before the medical officers can visit the wards, patients have to be washed, beds made and the ordinary morning ward routine carried out. When the visit was at 7 a.m. it meant waking the patient up very early and interfering with the curative action of a good night's rest.